

# Elk hunt drawing deadline midnight Thursday

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The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is reminding hunters that the deadline to apply for the 2026 Kentucky Elk Hunt Drawing will be midnight (ET) on Thursday.

The fall elk quota hunt is among the most anticipated hunting opportunities available in Kentucky each year.

KDFWR will announce the winners for the Kentucky Elk Hunt Drawing throughout the day on Saturday, May 9, at the fourth annual Kentucky Elk & Outdoor Fest in Bardstown.

The announcement will reveal the names of the 500 randomly selected applicants eligible to purchase a 2026 elk hunt permit from the drawing. The drawing includes



140 bull firearms, 164 cow firearms, 170 either-sex archery/crossbow and 26 either sex youth-only permits. The drawing is open to residents and non-residents, although no more than 10 percent of the names drawn can be non-residents.

A ticketed event, the Kentucky Elk & Outdoor Fest will be held at the KYGUNCO location in Bardstown

(401 Glenwood Drive), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event offers a vendor village with more than 100 manufacturers and outfitters from the outdoor industry, numerous food and drink trucks, live music and hundreds of chances to win additional door prizes and raffles. The event will take place rain or shine.

Announcements of the elk draw appli-

cants will take place on the event's main stage throughout the day. Cow tags will be an-

nounced at 10:40 a.m., at 12:35 p.m., and rifle and bull tags at 3 p.m. Musical acts will take place between each draw announcement.

Live performances in the event tent will include Moonshine Magnolia at 9:15 a.m., Will Moseley at 11 a.m., and the Kruse Brothers at 1 p.m.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologists, law enforcement officers and educators will be present to talk about important wildlife management, private lands habitat guidance, regulations and em-

ployment. Demonstrations on habitat management, wild game processing and cooking are scheduled throughout the day. In addition, hunting and fishing licenses, Kentucky Wild memberships and official merchandise will be available for purchase.

A livestream of the results of the Kentucky Elk Hunt Drawing will be available on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Facebook page for those who cannot attend the event in person.

For more information, or to buy event tickets in advance, go to [kyoutdoorfest.com](http://kyoutdoorfest.com).

## Pruning Early Bloomers



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We are in the middle of the spring season. The early blooming shrubs have already put on a spectacular show. Their blooms were a bit early this year due to the early spring. Pruning of these early bloomers needs to be done now. As a general rule remove no more than 1/3 of the height of these shrubs.

If pruning is not done now and is done in the fall instead, you are cutting off the wood that produces next spring's flowers!

Do not wait to prune! Any shrub that blooms before June 1st prune directly after flowering. This includes forsythias, snowballs, lilacs, etc. Shrubs that bloom after June 1st can be pruned in late winter / early spring. I personally prune in February. During the month of February, I can be pretty confident I will not have the risk of plants breaking dormancy. If you wait until March to prune, that risk of plants breaking dormancy early is increased.

Know your plants! There are always exceptions to the rules. For example, there are three different groups of clematis. The first

group doesn't really have to be pruned, but if you do just give it a little clean up of the dead and weak branches after flowering. Group 2 clematis will do well with a little clean up of the dead branches before the spring bloom and if you want to encourage fall blooms, prune a second time by cutting the plant to half its height after the spring flowers are gone. Finally, group three clematis need to be pruned about a foot above the ground in late winter to encourage new growth.

With proper pruning, you will be able to enjoy every season's flower show!

## Helping a Drought Stressed Lawn

April has been unusually dry this year! Hopefully we will get some much needed rain soon.

When a lawn becomes excessively dry, the soil surface develops some water repellency that prevents water from soaking in during a quick, hard rain event.

Here are some things you can do to help your thirsty grass and hopefully avoid having to completely reseed your lawn.

Water every other day or every third day until good, soaking rains begin.

Apply about two-thirds of an inch of water each time. You can check this by probing the soil with a knife or screwdriver to determine if the soil is wet 2 to 3 inches deep.

Water in the early morning to help reduce diseases, remove dew and reduce evap-

orative water loss.

Water areas that have the earliest browning first. These are often on southern or western facing slopes or areas with heavy clay soils, very compacted soil or rocks near the surface.

If possible, don't mow a drought-stricken yard until you can water it or you know a soaking rain is on the way. Weeds are still growing and flowering during summer droughts. Wait for the rain, then mow off the weeds.

Don't apply herbicides during a summer drought. They won't work when weeds are suffering and can damage drought-stressed grass more than weeds.

Wait for a soaking rain before applying nitrogen to the lawn in the fall. Nitrogen can greatly improve a lawn's drought recovery.

Source: Gregg Munshaw

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
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**GREEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY'S - Telecommunications Franchise**

Green County, Kentucky is soliciting bids from parties interested in obtaining franchises to operate telecommunications systems within the confines of the County, pursuant to Ordinance No. 26-04-16-2026. Franchise(s) awarded pursuant to this Request for Bids will be non-exclusive and will be for a term of ten (10) years. Bids must meet all the requirements of Ordinance No. 26-04-16-2026. Sealed bids must be received no later than 4 PM CST, on Monday, May 18, 2026, at which time the bids will be opened at The Regular Fiscal Court Meeting held on Thursday May 21, 2026, at 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743. Sealed bid proposals should be sent to the following address: Green County Judge-Executive's Office, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743. Green County reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise, and to accept what, in its opinion, is the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bid which is in the best interest of, and most advantageous to the County. Form bid applications are available upon request from the Green County Judge's Office, 203 Court Street, Greensburg, Kentucky 42743, Telephone (270) 932-4024.

**INVITATION FOR SEALED BID**

The Green County Fiscal Court is currently accepting SEALED bids for the purchase of the following items of surplus property:

- 6420 John Deere tractor, with flail mower and side mower
- 2007 Ford Crown Vic (brown), no reserve
- 2010 Ford Crown Vic (white), no reserve
- 2010 Dodge Ram 3500, no reserve
- 1996 International School Bus, no reserve
- 10-foot Dump Truck Bed
- 50-gallon Hydraulic Tank
- Pick-Up Truck Topper
- Tiger Brand 60-inch bush hog mower
- Tiger Brand 960-inch flail mower
- Tractor Mount for a Boom Mower
- Two (2) 10-foot Snowplows

Bids will be accepted in the Green County Judge/Executive's Office, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, until Monday, May 18, 2026, at 4:00 PM, Central Time. Bids will be opened at a regular called Fiscal Court meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:00 PM, Central Time. Sealed bids must be marked on the envelope as to the item you are bidding on. All sales are final and are made on an "as is", "where is" basis. No returns. All items become the responsibility of the buyer at time of awarding bids. Items must be removed from their location by Friday, May 29, 2026. The property shall be awarded to the highest and best bid, and Green County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please contact the office of the Green County Judge/Executive, John H. Frank, for specifications or any questions at 270-932-4024.

**INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL**

The Green County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 11, 2026 through May 26, 2026. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2026, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2026 will be due about October 1, 2026.

The tax roll is in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator at 103 South 1st Street and may be inspected between the hours 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM during weekdays, and 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 16th and May 23rd.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required.

After the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be received in the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

A taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) He/She must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
- (2) He/She must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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